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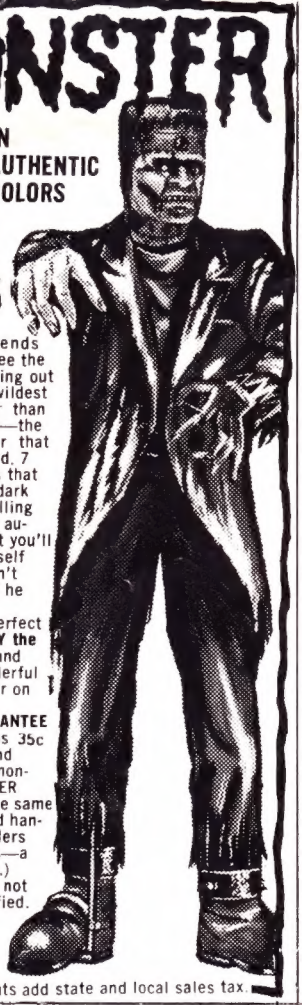

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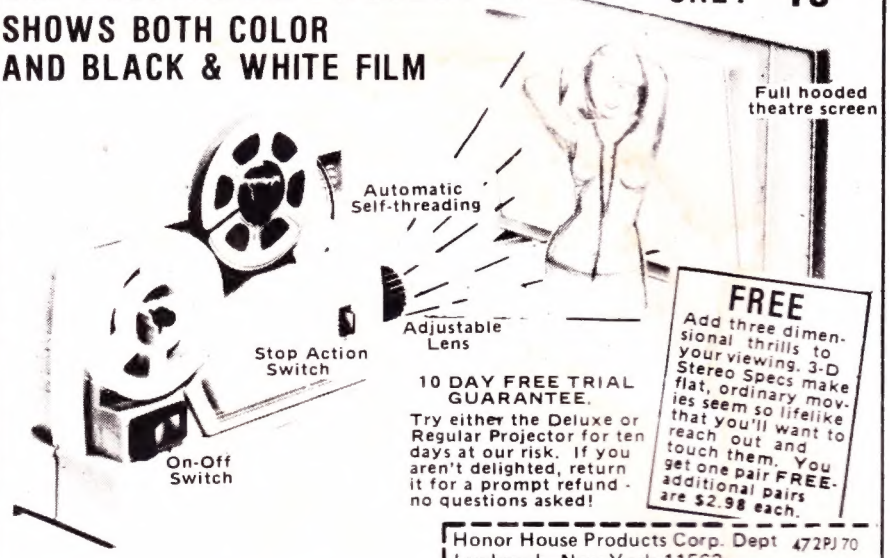


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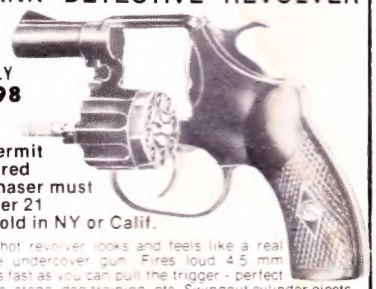

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# The DEMON

FROM THE FROZEN WASTES OF ANOTHER WORLD CAME THIS INHUMAN MONSTER TO PREY ON MANKIND AND GLUT ITS APPETITE ON SOFT FLESH!

THEY WERE COMING TO THE LAST LAP OF THEIR TREK... SUDDENLY FROM OUT OF THE SNOW-CLOUDED MIST LOOMED A DARK HOLE IN THE MOUNTAIN SIDE...

TENSE MINUTES LATER THE CAME UPON...
LOOK! THOSE IDOLS MUST BE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD!
AMAZING! AND I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT!

GEORGE-- MARION-- PLAY YOUR TORCHES ON THAT WALL FOR A MINUTE! YES...I THINK WE'VE FOUND IT!
YOU MEAN--WE'VE FOUND THIS NEANDERTHAL SPECIMEN?

CASTING THEIR CAUTION TO THE WINDS, THE THREE EXCITED PEOPLE CHOPPED AT THE WALL OF ICE...
UGH! IT'S LIKE ROCK!
USE MORE POWER BEHIND YOUR SWING!

HUGH! YOU'VE HIT SOMETHING!
I KNEW I COULDN'T BE WRONG! I THINK WE'LL FIND OUR SPECIMEN HERE... IN THIS WALL!

--AND THERE IT IS!
OHH!
WHAT A HORRIBLE-LOOKING MONSTER!

I--I CAN'T GET OVER THE APPEARANCE AND CONDITION OF THIS THING! IT ALMOST LOOKS ALIVE!
IT PROBABLY IS, MY DEAR!

NOW FOLLOWED WEEKS OF DIFFICULT WORK TO REMOVE THE MONSTER-THING OUT OF THE CAVE AND DOWN TO THE GROUND BELOW...

THEN MORE HARD WORK! THE MEN HEWED OUT A PASSAGEWAY OF ICE TO CARRY THE FROZEN MASS TO ITS DESTINATION!
And MONTHS LATER ON A LINER BOUND FOR AMERICA...
WHAT'S COME OVER HIM?
SEEMS LIKE THIS DISCOVERY HAS AFFECTED HIM MORE THAN WE UNDERSTAND!
BACK IN AMERICA, HUGH DIDN'T PUBLICIZE HIS DISCOVERY AS EXPECTED! THREE WEEKS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HE SENT FOR GEORGE AND MARION...
COME IN! COME IN! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! I'M GOING TO BRING THE MONSTER BACK TO LIFE!

SO THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T PUBLISH YOUR FINDINGS!
ARE YOU CRAZY? DO YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE SUCH POPPY-COCK?
I THINK YOU WILL!

HUGH! YOU'VE KNOCKED GEORGE UNCONSIOUS!
YES... ALL TO GOOD PURPOSE HA! HA!
MINUTES LATER, GEORGE CAME OUT OF THE BLACKNESS TO FIND MARION AND HIMSELF FORCIBLY GIVING BLOOD TO THE MONSTER!
PLEASE, HUGH! PLEASE!
HUGH! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE... STOP!
NO! YOU'LL NOT CHEAT ME OUT OF MY GREATEST EXPERIMENT! MY NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY!
IT'S OPENING ITS EYES! EEEEE!
SUDDENLY!
W-WHAT HAVE I DONE? STAY BACK!
AS MARION AND GEORGE STRUGGLE TO FREE THEMSELVES, THE ICE HORROR CLAIMS ITS SCREAMING VICTIM!
GEORGE! IT'S COMING FOR US!
DON'T LOOK! THIS IS THE END!
BUT AS IT RAISED ITS ARMS WITH THE LUST TO KILL, A PAROXYSM OF COUGHING SEIZED IT--AND SUDDENLY IT DISENTEGRATED!!
LATER AS THEY VIEWED THE SLIMEY DECAYING REMAINS...
GEORGE... WHAT HAPPENED?
OUR RAREFIED AIR SHREDDED IT TO PIECES! IT WAS DEAD FOR CENTURIES... AND COULDN'T SURVIVE OUR CLIMATE! POOR HUGH DIED FOR NOTHING!
THE END

# TEAR 'EM APART

ANY CREATURES SO UNBELIEVABLY UGLY DIDN'T DESERVE TO LIVE...!

GREAT SCOTT, CAPTAIN! LOOK AT THAT THING! W-WHAT IS IT?

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? WHATEVER IT IS- I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN THE SAME WORLD WITH IT. WE'VE GOT TO KILL IT!

THE STORM STRUCK SUDDENLY! HIGH OVER THE PACIFIC, IT GRIPPED THE TRANS-OCEAN PLANE AND TOSSED IT RECKLESSLY ABOUT! WHEN THE ISLAND APPEARED BELOW, CAPTAIN ROBERT BRONSON DID HIS BEST TO LAND-

KRASH!

SKRAAAMM!

IT BEGAN- AS IT ENDED- WITH THE DEATH OF A DOZEN PASSENGERS AND A CREW OF THREE. ONLY THE PILOT AND TWO OTHERS EMERGED FROM THAT SHATTERED WRECKAGE.

CAPTAIN! THE OTHERS--- CAN WE DO ANYTHING FOR THEM? THEY'RE---

THEY'RE DEAD! I'M AFRAID WE MAY AS WELL BE TOO! I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE! ACCORDING TO THE CHARTS THIS ISLAND DOESN'T EXIST!

UNLESS IT'S ONE OF THE VANISHING ISLANDS. OCCASIONALLY AN UNDER-WATER DISTURBANCE HEAVES A PEAK ABOVE THE SURFACE- THEN, AFTER A WHILE- IT SINKS AGAIN!

THEN- WE'LL DROWN! YOU'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR US!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND THAT OF MISS STANTON HERE... THIS ISN'T ONE OF HER MOVIES! I DIDN'T ORDER THIS STORM, AND I CAN'T CANCEL IT! TWO OF MY MOTORS CONKED OUT!
SHEEHAN, WHAT HAPPENED? OH... MY MINK! MY POOR MINK!
MINK CAPES ARE THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES, MISS STANTON! THE OTHERS ARE DEAD! YOU NEED SHELTER! THERE'S A PILE OF ROCKS OVER THERE! CAN YOU MAKE IT?
OF COURSE I CAN MAKE IT, CAPTAIN! 'OU'RE VERY KIND... TO THINK OF ME AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
MARGO STANTON WAS LOVELY, AND CAPTAIN BRONSON WAS HUMAN! HE WANTED TO GET HER AWAY FROM THAT SPOT, FROM THOSE CORPSES! SO, IN A WAY, IT WAS BEAUTY THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN!
WAIT A MINUTE, BRONSON! THESE AREN'T JUST ROCKS! THEY'RE HUGE AND CUT TO SHAPE!
I NOTICED! AND THAT'S A BUILDING AHEAD OF US... OR THE REMAINS OF ONE!
IT... IT'S INCREDIBLE... THESE BLOCKS ARE TREMENDOUS! WHO... OR WHAT COULD HAVE PLACED THEM LIKE THIS?
WHO KNOWS? ACCORDING TO THE STORIES THE CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS WAS IN THIS PART OF THE PACIFIC! MAYBE PART OF IT HAS REAPPEARED! LOOK AT THE WEEDS! THAT'S DEEP WATER WEED!
THERE WAS AN EERINESS, A TIMELESS SOMETHING IN THE AIR AT THAT SPOT! BUT THEN... THERE WAS NO TIME TO WONDER!
CAPTAIN! THAT SLAB! IT'S MOVING!
I PROBABLY TOUCHED SOMETHING! SOME SORT OF SPRING, OR BALANCE! AND IT STILL WORKS... AFTER ALL THIS TIME... I HATE TO THINK HOW MANY CENTURIES!
SKREEEEEEEK...!

THE GREAT MASS RUMBLED, MOVED, SLID UPWARD, AND INSTINCTIVELY TWO MEN MOVED TO PROTECT A WOMAN AS MEN HAVE PROTECTED WOMEN SINCE TIME BEGAN!
T-THERE'S A FLIGHT OF STAIRS...WHERE CAN THEY LEAD?
I WISH I KNEW! BUT THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING TO FEAR DOWN THERE! NOT ANY MORE!
AT LEAST IT'S SHELTER FROM THIS DOWNPOUR! AND I'VE GOT THIS! IT WAS ALL I FOUND IN THE PLANE WORTH SALVAGING! COME ON!
NO! WE CAN'T TAKE MARGO IN THERE! AS HER MANAGER... I FORBID IT! IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!
DON'T BE A FOOL! THERE'S MORE DANGER OUT HERE...FROM PNEUMONIA!
THE CAPTAIN IS RIGHT! I'M NOT AFRAID! LET'S DO AS HE SAYS...
THREE PEOPLE DECENDED INTO BLACKNESS! IT WAS SHEEHAN WHO FOUND THE CARVING...BUT THE CAPTAIN DISCOVERED SOMETHING MORE OMINOUS!
IT'S HARD TO PLACE THE ERA OF THESE CARVINGS! THIS MAY BE EVEN OLDER THAN ATLANTIS!
MAYBE! BUT RIGHT NOW THAT DOESN'T CONCERN ME! I'VE JUST REALIZED SOMETHING! A WHILE AGO, WE TOOK SOME TURNS! I THINK WE'RE LOST!
LOST! IN THIS HORRIBLE PLACE! OH, NO!
BRONSON, LOOK!

UGH! WHAT IN PITY'S NAME IS THAT REPULSIVE THING!

I DON'T KNOW! WE'RE PROBABLY THE FIRST HUMAN BEINGS WHO'VE EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS! GOOD GRIEF! W-WHAT A HORROR! IT TURNS MY STOMACH TO LOOK AT IT!

IT'S GOING BACK, BRONSON! IT WALKS UPRIGHT... LIKE A MAN!

IT'S NOT A MAN! MAYBE ITS REMOTE ANCESTORS WERE! MAYBE MEN TRAPPED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS WOULD EVOLVE INTO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT IT ISN'T A MAN!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SHOT IT! IT HATED US! I COULD FEEL IT! CAPTAIN, DO YOU THINK THAT... THAT FREAK IS A DESCENDANT OF THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS?

IT COULD BE! THERE MIGHT BE OTHER ISLANDS ABOVE THE SURFACE WHICH HAVE TUNNELS OR SINK-HOLES LEADING DOWN HERE, SUPPLYING AIR!

BUT I DO KNOW THIS! IF THAT THING SHOWS ITSELF AGAIN... WE KILL IT! A BRAINLESS, DEGENERATE NIGHTMARE LIKE THAT IS BETTER OFF DEAD!

AGREED! WE KILL IT!

*THERE WERE HOURS OF SEARCHING FOR A WAY OUT! BUT... HOW DO YOU FIND A WAY OUT OF A MAZE? IN THE END THE HUMANS KNEW THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED!*

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING THAT... THAT UGLY!

CAPTAIN!

I SEE IT! STAND STILL! IT... IT'S BEEN PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE WITH US!

¡BAM! ¡BAM! ¡BAM!

SOME OF THE THINGS DIED, BUT THE OTHERS CAME ON... MUTTERING, GROWLING, HATING, WEAPONLESS! BUT THEY HAD TALONS TO CLAW WITH...

IT WAS SOON OVER. THREE HUMANS DIED! AND SO, THEY NEVER KNEW THE IRONY OF THEIR FATE! EVEN, HAD THEY BEEN ABLE TO HEAR, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE DROOLING GIBBERISH SOUNDS THAT CAME AFTER!

AAEEIIIIAAGHH...!

THEY ARE DEAD! WHERE COULD SUCH VICIOUS AND DEADLY ANIMALS HAVE COME FROM?

WHAT CAN THEY BE? THEY'RE SO PALE AND SOFT AND ALMOST HAIRLESS... YET THEY WALKED UPRIGHT LIKE US... **LIKE MEN!**

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THE END

EVERYONE HAS HEARD AND LAUGHED AT THE EXPRESSION, "IF LOOKS COULD KILL!" THIS IS THE STORY OF BOSS SQUINT... A MAN WHO FOUND THAT HE HAD THIS STRANGE POWER...

# THE MUMMIES

SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE SQUINT EVER DREAMED OF THE RARE POWER HE WOULD SOME DAY POSSESS, A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE IN WASHINGTON...

WELL, JOHNSON, WHAT ABOUT THIS JEWEL ROBBERY CASE?

I'VE LOCATED SOME OF THE JEWELS THAT WERE SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY FROM THAT JOB PULLED IN ENGLAND... BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW THEY BROUGHT IT IN!

THAT MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY TOOK PLACE TWO YEARS AGO! I WANT AN ANSWER!

I'M STUMPED, CHIEF!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ANOTHER SMALL PORTION OF THE ENGLISH JEWEL ROBBERY IS SMUGGLED ABOARD A SHIP...
WHAT A SWEET RACKET! NOTHING TO DO BUT DELIVER THE GOODS TO BIG STEVE AND BE PAID OFF!
YOU POOR SUCKER--YOU'RE ONLY WASTING YOUR TIME! NOW TO SPOT MY CONTACT--A MAN WITH A RED CARNATION!
RIGHT THIS WAY, PLEASE! GO TO AREA SIX TO HAVE YOUR LUGGAGE CHECKED...
YOUR LUGGAGE LOOKS OKAY, SIR!
THANKS, BUDDY!
SQUINT WAS MET AT THE BOAT...
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, SQUINT! BIG STEVE SAYS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET THE STUFF PAST CUSTOMS WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT!
HE'S RIGHT! AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WHEN WE GET TO STEVE'S!
SQUINT! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU, PAL! NO TROUBLE, EH?
NAW, STEVE! IT WENT REAL SMOOTH! HI, FELLAS...
LET'S SEE WHAT YA GOT THIS TIME!
WHAT'S HE DOING TO HIS FACE?
OKAY, STEVE, JUST A TWIST OF THE WRIST, AND...

PRESTO! JUST LIKE MAGIC...
H-HE TOOK HIS EYE OUT!
EASY, MAX--THAT'S THE GIMMICK! IT'S A GLASS EYE WITH ROOM INSIDE TO CARRY DIAMONDS!
SURE, MAX--HE'S OUR BOY WITH THE MILLION DOLLAR LOOK!
THERE YOU ARE, BOYS...
PRETTY... BUT I LIKE 'EM BETTER WHEN THEY'RE TURNED INTO CASH!
AHH--LET ME FEEL 'EM!
I'LL BE...
LOOK...HOW COME YOU GOT THIS NEW GUY, MAX INTO THE SET UP?
TAKE IT EASY! WAIT 'TILL THE OTHERS BLOW!
SQUINT, THE FEDS HAVE BEEN NOSYING AROUND! SEEMS TO ME THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE! TELL HIM ABOUT IT, MAX!
I GOT AN EMERALD A GUY IN EGYPT HAS BEEN KEEPING FOR ME! IT WOULD FIT INTO THAT EYE JUST RIGHT!
BOUNDS GREAT! GIVE ME THE LOWDOWN!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
I'LL SEE YA IN TEN WEEKS!
HA! DON'T GET ANY EGYPTIAN SAND IN YOUR EYES! HA-HA!
KEEP IN TOUCH!

SQUINT DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME! HE WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN GETTING MAX'S EMERALD... THAT IS UNTIL...
NOW...THE ADDRESS... HEY...THAT GUY... HEY... WHAT ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME FOR?
SIRE, YOU NEED GOOD GUIDE? I CAN SHOW YOU SECRETS OF EGYPT... JUST A FEW PENNIES, SIRE...
...COME, I WILL SHOW YOU A MYSTERY OF WHICH MY PEOPLE FEAR TO SPEAK...
WELL, WHY NOT! I COULD USE SOME RELAXATION ANYWAY!

FOR AN HOUR THE TWO RODE ACROSS THE BARREN DESERT LAND...THEN...
OKAY! SO IT'S A PYRAMID... NOW WHAT?
TONIGHT IS THE ANCIENT RITUAL... YOU WILL SEE WHAT NO WHITE MAN HAS EVER SEEN! THE DEAD WILL WALK!
EVEN THE AIR SEEMED DEAD IN THE ANCIENT TOMB AS THEY WENT DOWN...
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
IT IS THE SIGNAL FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE CEREMONY OF THE DEAD! HURRY, OR WE'LL MISS IT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
QUIET! DISCOVERY MEANS DEATH TO US! LOOK!
OH, ALL POWERFUL GODS, I HAVE BURNED THE SACRED POWDER! I ASK YOU TO LET THE ANCIENT DEAD WALK AGAIN ON THIS ONE NIGHT OF THE YEAR!
WITH ANCIENT SOUNDS, THE MUMMY CASES OPEN...
T-THEY'RE COMING TO LIFE! IT MUST BE THAT POWDER... I MUST GET SOME...
NO! THEY WILL TEAR YOU TO PIECES!

SILENTLY, SLOWLY, SQUINT SLITHERED TO THE ALTAR, DETERMINED TO POSSESS THE MYSTERIOUS POWDER...
ANCIENT KINGS... WHAT TROUBLES YOU? OH... AN INTRUDER! AFTER HIM... KILL HIM!!
THEY SEE ME!
C'MON--WE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
I-C-CANNOT G-GO F-FASTER! I-I AM DOOMED!
BELOW, THE PONDEROUS STEPS OF THE ANCIENT DEAD KINGS RELENTLESSLY FOLLOW...
OH, THEY GOT HIM! I'LL BE NEXT!
ON A LAST MOMENT OF DESPERATION, SQUINT THROWS ONE OF THE VIALS OF POWDER AT THE ONRUSHING MUMMIES, AND...
BAL-OOM
WHAT A BREAK! THIS STUFF IS LIKE T.N.T.! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE...
WITHOUT STOPPING, SQUINT RAN ALL THE WAY TO HIS HOTEL ROOM...
I--I (PUFF-PUFF) GO, TO LEAVE THIS PLACE--MIGHT COME AFTER ME HERE (PUFF)...TAKE BOAT, TONIGHT...

WHEW! AM I GLAD TO SEE THE LAST OF THAT PLACE! AS FOR THE POWDER I STOLE-- NO ONE IS GOING TO GET THAT! NOT WHILE I'VE GOT IT HIDDEN IN MY GLASS EYE!
HOME AT LAST! BUT SQUINT DIDN'T KNOW THE SECRET POWER HE POSSESSED UNTIL...
GOOD TO BE HOME! WONDER HOW MUCH I SHOULD TELL MAX AND STEVE...
HEY! BEAT IT, MUTT.. GET AWAY!
I HEARD IF YOU LOOK 'EM IN THE EYE, SHOW 'EM YOU'RE NOT AFRAID, DOGS LEAVE YOU... GEE, MY EYE, IT FEELS SO FUNNY... KIND OF WARM...? WELL, LOOK AT THAT...
IT SEEMS LIKE ONE LOOK FROM ME MADE HIM A DEAD DOG!
POOR OLD FELLER... GUESS HE'S DONE FOR...
ALL RIGHT, WISE GUY... DOWN THIS NEXT ALLEY AND NOT A PEEP OUT OF YOU!
WHY, MAX, I... I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CALL YOU...
I HAD A HUNCH YOU MIGHT TRY TO COME BACK SOONER THAN YOU SAID, AND KEEP THE EMERALD YOURSELF! OKAY, SQUINT, UNSCREW THAT PHONEY EYE!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE, MAX... YOU GOT ME ALL WRONG!

SQUINT KNOWS THAT DEATH IS VERY CLOSE, AND THAT MAX WILL NEVER BELIEVE HIS STORY, AND SO...
MAYBE IF I GLARE AT HIM... MY EYE... IT'S GETTING WARM...
WH-WHY ARE YOU L-LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...
HEY, MIKE, LOOK! THERE'S A GUY BEING HELD UP!
STOP, OR WE'LL SHOOT!
LUCKY WE CAME ALONG JUST THEN! EVER SEE THIS GUY BEFORE?
NEVER! HE WANTED MY MONEY... THREATENED ME...
LATER...
IT CAN'T BE JUST LUCK... THERE MUST BE A POWER IN THAT POWDER THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT... A SECRET BEYOND MODERN KNOWLEDGE! I HAVE THE LOOKS THAT KILL--HA! HA! AND WITH IT, I CAN CONTROL ANY MOB-- I CAN BE BOSS SQUINT!
ONE HOLLER FROM YOU AND I'LL KNOCK YOUR EYE OUT WITH THIS!
SURE, BIG STEVE... SURE!
BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING, STEVE-- I CAN KILL YOU WITHOUT RAISING A HAND!
LISTEN, YOU RAT, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT EMERALD, YOU BETTER TALK FAST!

CONTINUED ON BACK COVER

BUT ONE DARK NIGHT DURING THE VOYAGE, THE BULKY STRANGERS WHO HAD BOARDED THE SHIP APPEARED ON DECK AS SILENT AS SHADOWS...
THERE HE IS, OH, ANCIENT KINGS, THE MAN WHO VIOLATED THE CEREMONY! UNTIL YOU DESTROY HIM, THE DEAD CANNOT REST!
WITH CAT-LIKE STEPS, THE AVENGERS SLINK BEHIND THE UNPREPARED SQUINT AND...
KILL... KILL...
IT... IT'S THE MUMMIES... NO! DON'T THROW ME OVERBOARD!
NO ONE ABOARD THE SHIP COULD EXPLAIN SQUINT'S DISAPPEARANCE! SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, AT THE VERY SPOT THAT SQUINT HAD BEEN THROWN INTO THE SEA...
NOW YOU BE CAREFUL DOWN THERE, JIM! WE'VE ALREADY LOST TWO MEN TRYING TO SALVAGE THE GOLD!
AYE, CAPTAIN!
SOMETHING FUNNY DOWN HERE, CAPTAIN... SOMETHING SHINING NEAR THE WRECK... IT LOOKS LIKE AN EYE... STARING AT ME... OH... AIR... URGH... LINES TANG--LED...
JIM! JIM! WHAT'S THE MATTER... ANSWER ME! PULL HIM UP, BOYS!
IT'S TOO LATE... HE'S DEAD!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS JOB! THIS IS AN EVIL PLACE! THERE IS SOMETHING DOWN THERE... LET THE SEA KEEP ITS SECRET, BOYS! UP ANCHOR!
AND WHILE THE SALVAGE SHIP DISAPPEARS OVER THE HORIZON, THE EVIL REMAINS OF SQUINT KEEP A LONELY VIGIL BY THE OLD WRECK WHERE HE DROWNED!
THE END

# VAMPIRE

NEVER-NEVER-NEVER PICK UP A STRANGER! BOTH OF THEM KNEW THAT! YET WHEN THE STRANGER WAS A PRETTY GIRL, DYING IN HER OWN BLOOD, WHAT COULD THEY DO? AND HOW COULD THEY GUESS THE HORRIBLE FATE THAT LAY IN WAIT? BUT AT LEAST THEY COULDN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE, BECAUSE WHEN YOU ARE DEAD, YOU CAN'T STOP FOR THE STRANGER IN THE DARK!

DR LYNN WILLIS, AND HIS NURSE, MARY HITCHCOCK DRIVE ON A LONELY ROAD...

THIS IS A SPOOKY OLD ROAD, LYNN! AND WITH THAT FIEND LOOSE...

THEY'LL CATCH THAT LUNATIC BEFORE LONG, HONEY! ANYWAY, I'M WITH YOU! HEY-SOMETHING IN THE ROAD!

THE LIGHTS PICK UP A GRISLY SIGHT...

IT'S A GIRL! PROBABLY SOME HIT AND RUN DRIVER!
OR THE ESCAPED LUNATIC! MAYBE HE...

IS SHE ALIVE?
JUST BARELY! A TERRIBLE WOUND IN HER CHEST! SHE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD!

HOW IS SHE NOW?
I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING, BUT HER HEART IS VERY WEAK! CAN'T YOU GO FASTER, BABY!?

DO YOU THINK SHE WAS ATTACKED BY THE FIEND?
THAT'S FOR THE POLICE! OUR JOB IS TO SAVE HER LIFE!

WE'LL TAKE HER TO MY PLACE! IT'S CLOSER THAN THE HOSPITAL, AND TIME IS PRECIOUS!
THEN HURRY! I'LL DRIVE!

MINUTES LATER...
IF SHE LIVES SHE'LL BE LUCKY! LUCKY THAT YOU FOUND HER, DARLING, AND THAT YOU LIVE SO CLOSE!
AND LUCKY ALSO, THAT I DATE MY NURSE! BETTER GET SOME WHOLE BLOOD NOW!

BLAST IT, MARY, WHERE ARE THE RUBBER GLOVES? I HAVEN'T A PAIR THAT'S STERILE!
THERE SHOULD BE SOME IN THE STOREROOM!

GOOD GIRL! I'LL GET A PAIR AND BE RIGHT BACK! HOW DOES SHE LOOK?
I THINK HER COLOR IS BETTER, BUT HURRY!

THAT CHEST WOUND - VERY ODD! THAT FIEND LUNATIC NEVER ATTACKED ANYONE THAT WAY BEFORE! BUT MAYBE HE'S CHANGING HIS METHODS! AH, THE GLOVES!
GLOVES

MEANWHILE MARY REPLENISHES THE SUPPLY OF BLOOD...
POOR THING! HER VEINS WERE ALMOST EMPTY! I'LL NEED AT LEAST ANOTHER BOTTLE!

AS SHE TURNS
EEEEEEEE-
I'LL TAKE THAT!

OH-NO-PLEASE! AAAGHH!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S MARY SCREAMING! THE LUNATIC MUST BE HERE!

HEAVENS! HE GOT IN THE WINDOW, ATTACKED MARY, AND FLED! DIDN'T HARM THE OTHER GIRL! MAYBE I CAN SAVE MARY!

BUT MOMENTS LATER, WITH A HEAVY HEART HE CALLED THE POLICE...
THIS IS DR. WILLIS, 314 SUTHERLAND DRIVE! COME AT ONCE! THAT LUNATIC HAS JUST MURDERED MY NURSE!
SURE, DOC! I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR LITTLE NURSE! WE'LL GET THAT MONSTER! MEANWHILE WE'LL PUT A GUARD AROUND THE HOUSE!
WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE DOCTOR!
HOURS LATER..
YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE GIRL, OFFICER? I DARE NOT MOVE HER TO A HOSPITAL YET!
AS HE RENEWS HIS FIGHT TO SAVE A GIRLS LIFE...
IRONIC! I LOSE MY GIRL TRYING TO SAVE ANOTHER ONE! IF ONLY WE HADN'T STOPPED--
BUT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY A STRANGE THING HAPPENS
HUH! SHE'S TRYING TO GET UP! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE EVER RECOVERED THIS QUICKLY FROM SUCH A TERRIBLE WOUND!
OHH- I- WHO- WHERE AM I? W-WHO ARE YOU?
YOU MUST BE A DOCTOR! YOU FOUND ME ON THE ROAD?
YOU MUSTN'T TALK, YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD!
BLOOD? OH YES, I REMEMBER IT ALL NOW! HE TOOK ME TO THAT LONELY PLACE! HE TRIED TO KILL ME!
WHAT? YOU KNOW WHO DID THIS TO YOU? THEN YOU CAN HELP THE POLICE! I'LL CALL THEM, AND...

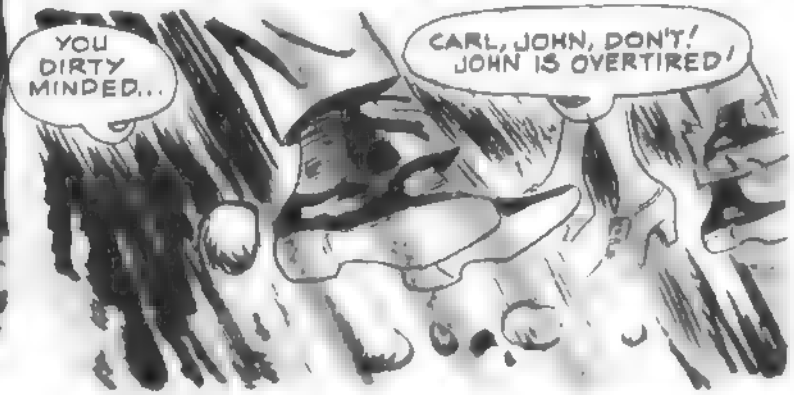
BUT AS HE STARTS FOR THE DOOR.
NO, PLEASE! NOT THE POLICE! NOT YET! I-I'M SO THIRSTY!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE POLICE ARE HERE NOW! JUST OUTSIDE! AND REALLY, YOU MUST NOT EXERT YOURSELF!
PLEASE! LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED FIRST! BEFORE I PASS OUT AGAIN!
GOOD IDEA!
MY HUSBAND! HE SHOVED THE SHARP STICK AT MY HEART!
THIS MAN HATED ME! HE TOOK ME TO THAT PLACE... HE HAD A SHARP STICK ..
HE STABBED YOU WITH IT! WHAT MAN?
GOOD HEAVENS! BUT WAIT- THE ESCAPED LUNATIC ISN'T MARRIED!
LUNATIC? I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT! ALL I KNOW IS THAT MY HUSBAND FOUND OUT ABOUT ME!
FOUND OUT- OH I SEE! NOW TAKE IT EASY, MY DEAR!
SHE'S RAVING! HAVE TO HUMOR HER!
...BUT HE MISSED MY HEART! NEXT THING I REMEMBER WAS WAKING UP HERE! THERE WAS A GIRL, AND BLOOD, AND I WAS SO TERRIBLY THIRSTY...
A GIRL! MARY! AND YOU WERE THIRSTY! OH-NO!
YES! I'M A VAMPIRE!
YAAAAA
THE END

# THE SKULL

AS MARTHA HARDY TOLD THE STORY, IT WAS CARL MORTON WHO FOUND THE SKULL JUST OFF A DIRT ROAD SOME FORTY-FIVE MILES FROM THE CITY OF MADRID, SPAIN, ON A COLD, WET NIGHT IN FEBRUARY, 1934!
MR. PORTER! LOOK AT THIS! IT WAS STICKING UP OUT OF THE MUD...
WHATEVER IT IS, IT CAN WAIT! I HAVE A LECTURE TO DELIVER AT THE INSTITUTE IN MADRID TOMORROW! AND WE'RE LOST! HOW FAR DO WE STILL HAVE TO TRAVEL?
NINETY KILOMETERS! BUT PORTER, I'VE BEEN WITH YOU LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW A FOSSIL WHEN I SEE ONE!
YOU'RE A MAN OF MANY TALENTS, CARL! LET ME SEE THAT...
PORTER WAS AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, MORTON WAS HIS MANAGER... AND MARTHA HARDY WAS HIS SECRETARY AS WELL AS HIS FIANCEE! ALL THREE WERE TIRED AND TENSE! EUROPEAN LECTURE TOURS ARE NOT EASY! THAT WAS TO BE IMPORTANT LATER!
WELL?
IT CAN'T BE! BUT IT IS! LOOK AT THE EYE RIDGES! THE TEETH!.. THERE CAN'T BE ANY DOUBT! IT'S INCREDIBLE!
THIS IS THE SKULL OF NEANDERTHAL MAN! HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD! BUT . SUCH THINGS JUST AREN'T FOUND THIS WAY!
THIS ONE WAS! THE RAIN MUST HAVE WASHED AWAY THE EARTH AROUND IT!
THERE'S WHAT PROBABLY KILLED HIM... THAT HOLE BETWEEN THE EYES! I CAN SEE THE HEADLINES! ANTHROPOLOGIST FINDS MILLION YEAR OLD MURDER VICTIM!
LET'S NOT OVERDO IT, CARL!

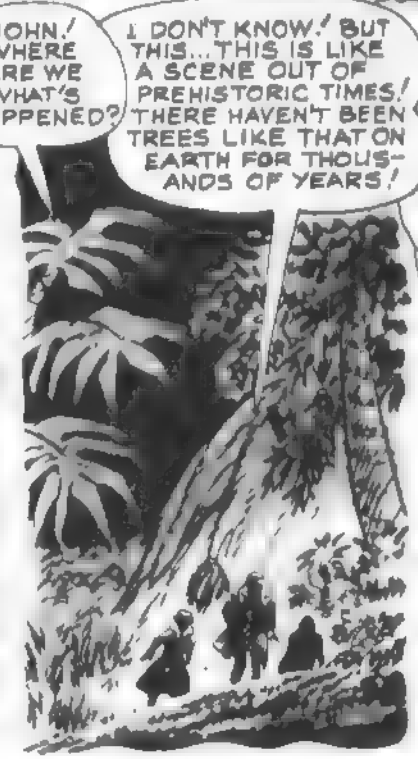
OKAY, PORTER WHAT'S EATING YOU...GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST!
AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT'S BOTHERING ME.. IT'S MARTHA!

I? JOHN! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU THOUGHT I DIDN'T KNOW, MY MANAGER AND MY FIANCEE SNEAKING OFF TOGETHER!


YOU DIRTY MINDED...
CARL, JOHN, DON'T! JOHN IS OVERTIRED!

AS MARTHA TOLD IT AFTERWARD, THERE WAS NOTHING BETWEEN HER AND CARL BUT THE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE! THERE WAS A STRUGGLE, AND THE EMBANKMENT WAS SOFT, MUDDY!

MARTHA COULD NEVER EXPLAIN IT...SHE KNEW ONLY THAT THE EARTH GAVE WAY...THAT SUDDENLY SHE WAS TUMBLING INTO ANOTHER WORLD!
JOHN! CARL! LOOK!
GREAT SCOTT! I SEE IT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!


JOHN! WHERE ARE WE WHAT'S HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT THIS...THIS IS LIKE A SCENE OUT OF PREHISTORIC TIMES! THERE HAVEN'T BEEN TREES LIKE THAT ON EARTH FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!

IT'S A GOOD TRY, JOHN, BUT IT WON'T WORK! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU SAID!
NO, CARL, DON'T BE A FOOL...OUR PERSONAL DIFFERENCES CAN WAIT! SOMETHING IS WRONG! THIS IS SPAIN... FEBRUARY! BUT... IT'S WARM! I THINK WE'D BETTER TRY TO FIND THE CAR!

THERE HAD TO BE AN EXPLANATION... OF COURSE... BUT IT WAS NOT TO BE FOUND AT THE TOP OF THE SLOPE!
GONE! THE ROAD, THE CAR EVEN THE SKULL! IT'S AS IF WE'D GONE BACK IN TIME!
PERHAPS WE HAVE! MY MIND SAYS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WE CAN'T ALL BE HAVING THE SAME HALUCINATIONS!
BACK IN TIME, MY EYE! I DON'T GET IT EITHER! BUT LETS START WALKING! THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE!
NO! WE'LL BE SAFER IF WE WAIT FOR DAYLIGHT... THERE WAS AN OPENING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EMBANKMENT.. MAYBE A CAVE! WE CAN SPEND THE NIGHT THERE! WE'VE GOT TO THINK THIS OUT!
BUT NOW DOES ANYONE THINK OUT THE IMPOSSIBLE?
JOHN, I'M FRIGHTENED! YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS! YOU CAN'T REALLY MEAN WE'VE STUMBLED BACK IN TIME... TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING!
MAYBE HE WASN'T JOKING, MARTHA! I FOUND THESE AT THE BACK OF THE CAVE!
A FLINT KNIFE AND AN AXE! THESE ARE STONE AGE WEAPONS!
I KNOW! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE NOW! IF THERE'S A WAY BACK, WE'D BETTER FIND IT... FAST!
CARL STUMBLED FROM THE CAVE! THE OTHERS FOLLOWED.
JOHN... JOHN! THAT'S CARL!
YA-AA AAA
AND IN PAIN.. HORRIBLE PAIN! COME ON!
A GUN! JOHN, YOU HAVE A GUN!
I WAS GOING TO USE IT ON CARL! I'VE BEEN OUT OF MY MIND WITH JEALOUSY! BUT THAT DOESN'T SEEM IMPORTANT NOW!

CARL WAS JUST A FEW STEPS AWAY IN THE UNDERBRUSH!
CARL, WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S HORRIBLE! THAT THING... MY LEG.. THE PAIN!
HE'S FAINTED... AND NO WONDER... BOTH HIS LEGS ARE BROKEN... M-MARTHA! BEHIND YOU!
RUN! RUN!
THERE WAS NO PURSUIT... BUT MARTHA AND JOHN RAN UNTIL THEY COULD RUN NO MORE...
JOHN, WHAT WAS IT? IT LOOKED LIKE A MAN! BUT IT COULDN'T BE!
IT WAS A MAN OUT OF THE STONE AGE, MARTHA! I WAS RIGHT! SOMEHOW WE HAVE GONE INTO ANOTHER TIME!
AND I KNOW WHY CARL'S LEGS WERE BROKEN! THAT BEAST CAUGHT HIM! AND TO A CREATURE LIKE THAT... FOOD IS FOOD!
YOU THINK HE BROKE CARL'S LEGS SO CARL COULDN'T RUN AWAY! UNTIL THAT MONSTER IS HUNGRY! OH, NO!
YES, AND WE'LL BE NEXT! HE'LL COME AFTER US! WE'RE FRESH MEAT TO HIM!
WE CAN'T LEAVE CARL TO THAT THING... JOHN, YOU'RE A CIVILIZED MAN... THINK!
IN THAT TIME, IN THAT PLACE, MARTHA'S PLEA SOUNDED RIDICULOUS, BUT... SHE WAS RIGHT!
YES... I'M CIVILIZED! SO CIVILIZED THAT I WANTED TO KILL HIM OUT OF JEALOUSY... BUT NOW WHEN EVERY INSTINCT IN ME SCREAMS ESCAPE, I CAN'T LEAVE HIM!

IT TOOK UNTIL MORNING TO FIND THE CAVE.. AND SANCTUARY.
SO FAR, SO GOOD! A FEW MINUTES AND.
JOHN! HE'S HERE!
HELP! HELP!
SOMEHOW, DESPITE HIS AGONY, PORTER DID NOT LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS WHEN THE BEAST TURNED AWAY, PORTER DREW HIS GUN...
HE FIRED---AND THE THING WHATEVER IT WAS.. WHEELED IN IT'S TRACKS..

IT'S DEAD! OH, JOHN DEAR, WHAT DID IT DO TO YOU?
MY... LEGS... LIKE... CARL'S...

BUT... I SHOT IT... RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES! I KILLED IT! NOW WE KNOW, MARTHA! WE WON'T DIE WONDERING!

THAT LITTLE ROUND HOLE IN THE SKULL CARL FOUND! NOW WE KNOW WHAT MADE IT... I DID... A MILLION YEARS AGO!

A MILLION YEARS AGO!

THAT WAS WHEN MARTHA'S MIND SNAPPED. SHE FLED AWAY FROM SOMETHING SHE COULD NOT GET HER MIND TO ACCEPT! SHE RAN... UNTIL SHE COLLAPSED!

A FARMER FOUND HER, BUT IT WAS WEEKS BEFORE SHE COULD TELL HER STORY...
WELL, DOCTOR, AS YOU KNOW, WE BELIEVE SHE MURDERED HER TWO COMPANIONS! HOW ELSE COULD TWO MEN JUST VANISH? BUT THE DECISION IS YOURS! SHE IS SANE... NO?
NO, CAPTAIN! YOU HEARD HER STORY... SHE'S MAD!
THE END

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE URGE TO DO SOMETHING **DARING OR SHOCKING...** SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE PEOPLE TAKE NOTICE OF **YOU?** THEN YOU CAN PROBABLY UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONS THAT WERE INVOLVED WHEN FRANK ANNOUNCED...

# I CHOPPED HER HEAD OFF!

FRANK HAD ALWAYS BEEN A SLOW, AWKWARD CHILD... NONDESCRIPT IN APPEARANCE AND COMPLETELY LACKING IN PERSONALITY... HE WAS SO QUIET THAT HIS FOLKS OFTEN FORGOT THAT HE WAS AROUND...
COME ON, PETER, MARY, LINDA... WE'RE GOING DOWN TO THE LAKE... OH, AND YOU, TOO, FRANK!

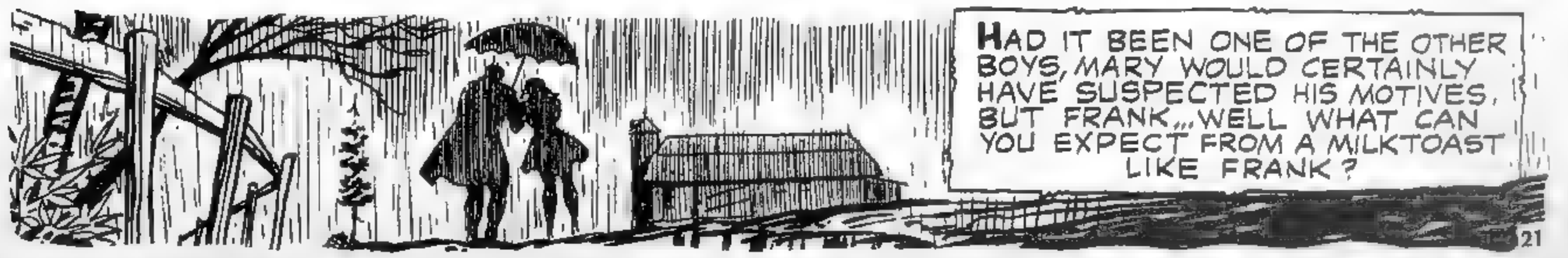
OTHER CHILDREN HARDLY EVER INCLUDED HIM IN THEIR GAMES BECAUSE HE WAS NEVER MUCH GOOD AT ANYTHING...
HOW ABOUT FRANK?
AHH... WE DON'T NEED HIM! HE ALWAYS DROPS THE BALL!

AND SO FRANK GREW INTO A YOUNG ADULT... LEFT OUT... UNWANTED... IGNORED...
COME ON, SUSAN... I'LL BUY YOU A SODA!
YEAH... LET'S ALL GO!

SUSAN WAS THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN COLLEGE... ALSO THE WILDEST! BOYS TRIPPED OVER EACH OTHER TO GET NEAR HER...
BUT FRANK JUST LOOKED ON FROM A DISTANCE WATCHING HER EVERY MOVE... DESIRING HER... HATING HER...

ONE RAINY DAY, FRANK SAW SUSAN WALKING HOME ALONE... SOMEWHERE HE FOUND A SPARK OF COURAGE...
CAN I HOLD YOUR UMBRELLA FOR YOU, SUSAN?
HUH? OH, SURE, FRANK! YOU STARTLED ME!

THEY STROLLED ALONG IN SILENCE AND A PLAN BEGAN TO FORM IN FRANK'S MIND...
LET'S TAKE A SHORTCUT THROUGH MAXWELL'S FARM!
OKAY!


HAD IT BEEN ONE OF THE OTHER BOYS, MARY WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE SUSPECTED HIS MOTIVES, BUT FRANK... WELL WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A MILKTOAST LIKE FRANK?

AND SO WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT THEY STOP FOR A MOMENT IN MAXWELL'S BARN, SHE DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE! FRANK WATCHED HER AS SHE STRETCHED OUT IN THE HAY...

SUSAN... I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

WHAT!

YOU'RE JUST CRAZY, IF YOU ASK ME! NOW LET ME GO!

WHY SHOULD I?

EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT KIND OF A GIRL YOU ARE... DON'T TRY TO BE COY WITH ME... YOU AREN'T SO SQUEAMISH WITH OTHER FELLOWS!

YES, BUT THE OTHER FELLOWS ARE ROUGH AND STRONG AND I LIKE THEM THAT WAY!

YOU'RE JUST A WEAK-KNEED SISSY AND I WOULDN'T LET YOU KISS ME IF YOU WERE THE LAST BOY ON EARTH!

A WEAK-KNEED SISSY, AM I...

I'LL SHOW YOU...

NO...NOOOO

BLINDED BY FRUSTRATION AND FURY, HE SWUNG THE AXE AGAIN... AND AGAIN... AND AGAIN...

AND THEN LIMP AND TREMBLING HE STARED DAZEDLY AT WHAT HAD *ONCE* BEEN SUSAN!

WEAK-KNEED SISSY AM I? WHAT A LAUGH!

AS HE LEFT THE SCENE OF HIS CRIME FRANK FELT NO REMORSE OVER WHAT HE HAD DONE... ONLY A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT... OF SATISFACTION!

*HE ARRIVED HOME IN A GLOW OF TRIUMPH... BUT HIS MOTHER'S FIRST WORDS TO HIM PUT A DAMPER ON HIS ELATION...*

FRANK, HELP MARY SET THE TABLE, WE'RE HAVING DINNER SOON... AND PLEASE TRY NOT TO BREAK ANYTHING!

YES, MOTHER!

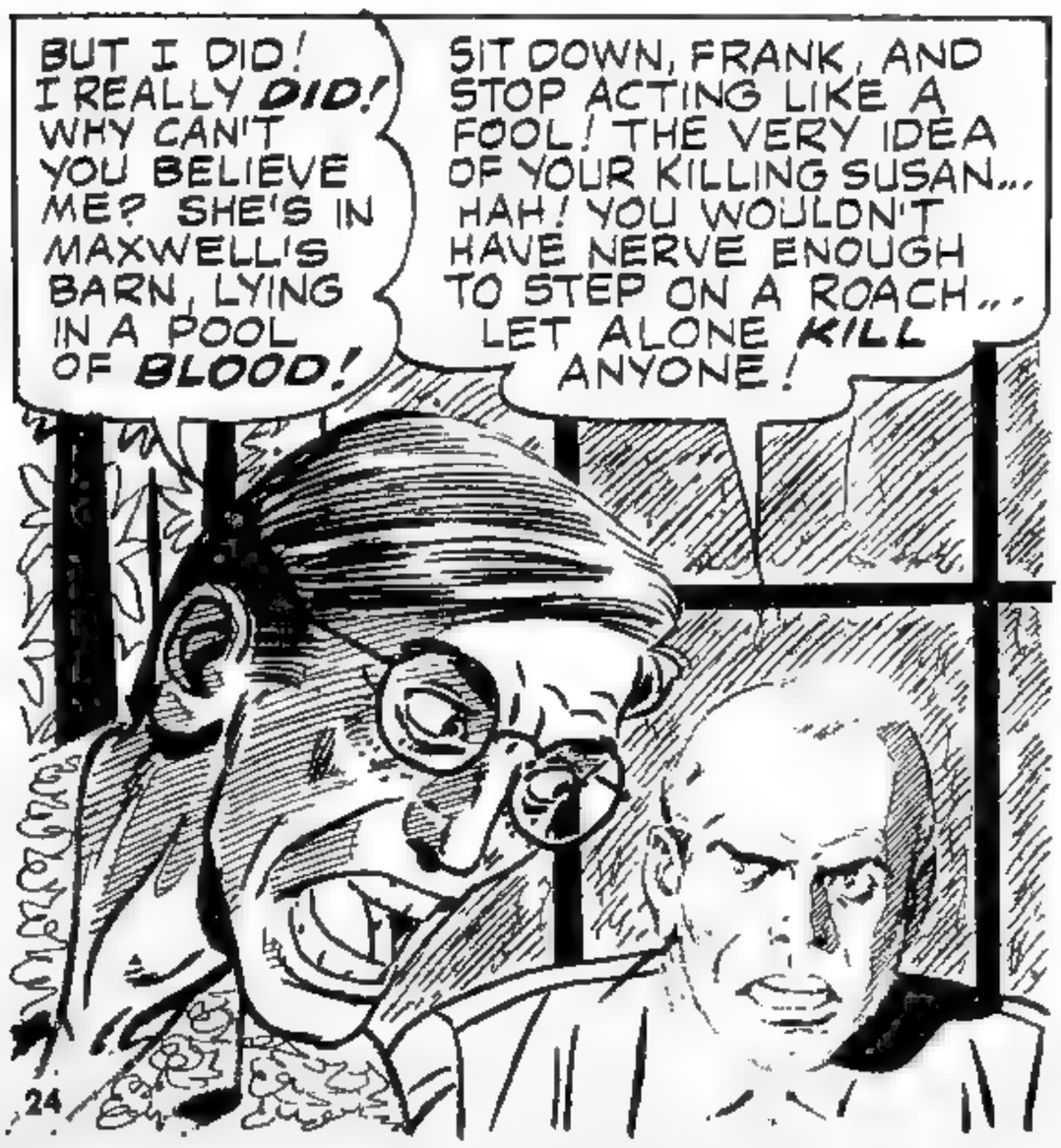
I SAW YOU WITH SUSAN THIS AFTERNOON, FRANK! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YOU! SHE'S A VERY PRETTY GIRL!

NOT ANY MORE SHE ISN'T!

WHY? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER?
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT! I CHOPPED HER HEAD OFF!

HA...HA...VERY FUNNY! YOU KILLED HER... AND I SUPPOSE YOU CHOPPED HER INTO TINY PIECES AND ATE HER UP...
I DIDN'T EAT HER... BUT YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE TINY PIECES!

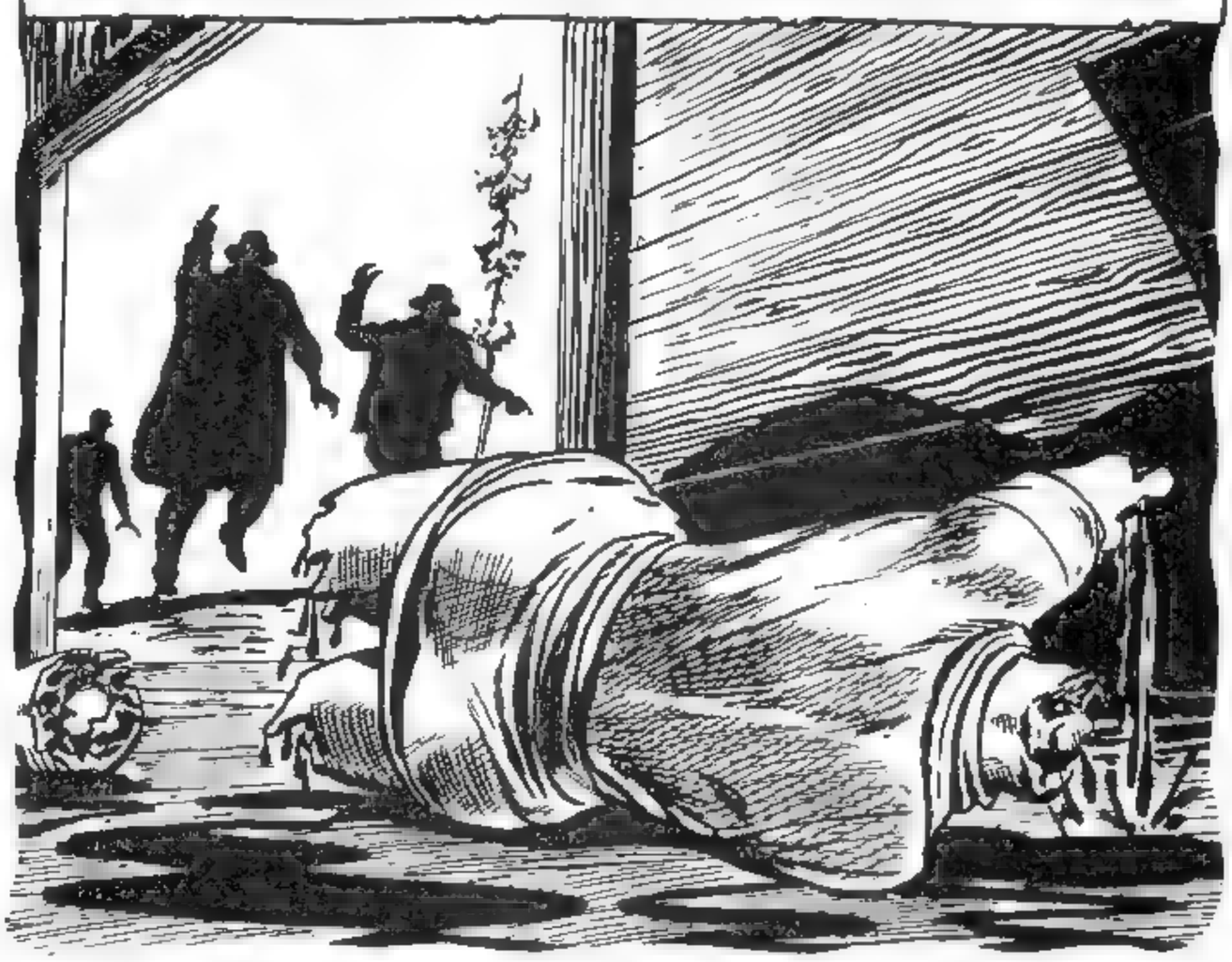
FRANK'S SISTER SCOFFED AT HIS REMARKS... NATURALLY SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT! BUT AT DINNER THAT EVENING...
OH, DAD... DID MARY TELL YOU I KILLED SUSAN TODAY AND CHOPPED HER UP WITH MR. MAXWELL'S AXE!
PLEASE, MOTHER! MUST WE LISTEN TO SUCH DISGUSTING TALK?
STOP THAT, FRANK! THE DINNER TABLE IS NO PLACE TO EXHIBIT YOUR MORBID SENSE OF HUMOR!


BUT I DID! I REALLY DID! WHY CAN'T YOU BELIEVE ME? SHE'S IN MAXWELL'S BARN, LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD!
SIT DOWN, FRANK, AND STOP ACTING LIKE A FOOL! THE VERY IDEA OF YOUR KILLING SUSAN... HAH! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE NERVE ENOUGH TO STEP ON A ROACH... LET ALONE KILL ANYONE!

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT BOY! DO YOU SUPPOSE WE OUGHT TO TAKE HIM TO A PSYCHIATRIST?
HEAVENS, SAM... THE BOY IS AS NORMAL AS YOU OR I! PSYCHIATRIST INDEED!

AND FRANK REALIZED SUDDENLY THAT IT HAD ALL BEEN IN VAIN!

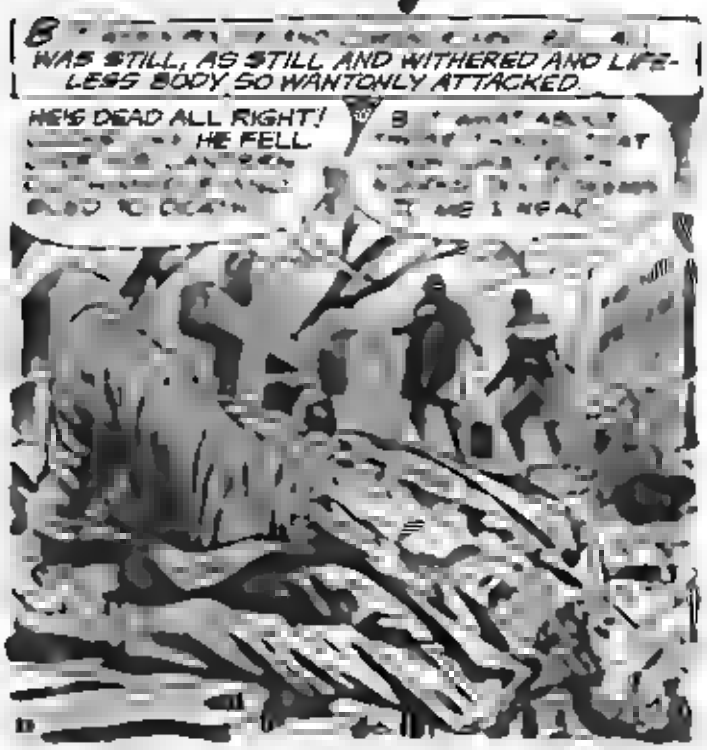
WHEN FRANK DIDN'T RETURN HOME THAT NIGHT, HIS FAMILY BECAME WORRIED...THE NEXT MORNING THEY WENT LOOKING FOR HIM! SOMEONE REMEMBERED HIM MENTIONING MAXWELL'S BARN!



THE POLICE CALLED IT A CLEAR CASE OF MURDER AND SUICIDE... BUT THEY ATTRIBUTED THE MURDER TO SOME WANDERING MANIAC AND THE SUICIDE... WELL, EVERYONE AGREED THAT FRANK MUST HAVE BEEN SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH SUSAN... AND WHEN HE DISCOVERED HER BODY... WELL IT MUST HAVE BEEN **TOO MUCH** FOR HIS **SENSITIVE NERVES!!!**

AND SO FRANK, WHO WANTED TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR A DARING DEED WAS CHEATED EVEN UNTO THE GRAVE! FOR EVERYONE KNOWS THAT FRANK COULDN'T **HURT A FLY!**

# BLOODSUCKER



THE ONLY
ROONEY DIDN'T THINK LONG OR FAR ENOUGH! FOR JUST A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, A SINISTER FIGURE STANDS LISTENING.
FOOL OF A DOCTOR... SO HE DOESN'T BELIEVE

THE NEXT DAY, DR. JIM DREXEL, THE READ THE NEWS-PAPER HEADLINES
WHY... THIS IS TERRIBLE. THE OLD GRAVE-KEEPER KILLED! I'LL HAVE TO ASK ROONEY ABOUT THAT, SINCE HE'S ON THE CASE... OH MR. MARSAK I'M SORRY!

JIM... GET YOUR EYES OFF THAT PAPER! MEET MISS KATHY CORBIN
OH! GLAD TO MEET YOU, KATHY! I'M READING ABOUT THIS IN THE CEMETERY NEAR YOUR TOMB!

TOMB! YOUR TOMB DOCTOR?
YES, MY DEAR! I HAVE A PET THEORY - THAT AFTER A CERTAIN AGE, THE SAGE SHOULD PREPARE FOR DEATH! SO SINCE I HAVE A WORTHY SUCCESSOR IN DR. DREXEL, WHY SHOULD I NOT DEVOTE MYSELF TO PREPARING FOR THE HEREAFTER?

MR. MARSAK, LEAVES
THAT POOR GRAVE-TENDER COULDN'T PREPARE FOR DEATH! IT MUST HAVE BEEN GHASTLY! I'M GLAD, THOUGH DR. MARSAK DIDN'T READ ABOUT VAMPIRES DOING IT (AS ROONEY SUGGESTED)! I'LL TELL HIM LATER... WHEN THERE'S MORE TIME!
DOES DR. MARSAK BELIEVE THE FOOLISH TALES?

HEAVENS NO! IN HIS YOUTH HE WAS BANISHED FROM HIS OWN VILLAGE IN EUROPE, BECAUSE HE TRIED TO HELP THE PEASANTS CONQUER THEIR SUPERSTITIONS!
I DON'T THINK I REMEMBER THAT... TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT IT, JIM... BEFORE DR. MARSAK GETS BACK!

I FEEL FOR THE SAFETY OF KLAUS, THE PEDDLER! HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE BY NOW!
I HOPE HE DOES NOT TRAVEL BY

YOU NOT FIND OUT?

WENT OUT ALONE TO FIND KLAUS! IT WAS A DARK, WILD NIGHT!"
FOOLS! I SHALL SHOW THEM! KLAUS MUST COME ALONG THIS TRAIL! AH, IS

KLAUS! WHAT HAPPENED?

KLAUS WAS DEAD, STIFF AND COLD! MARSAK WAS BARELY ALIVE!"
THE VAMPIRE! WE TOLD YOU!
NONSENSE! THE MULE WAS FRIGHTENED! HIS HOOF MUST HAVE STRUCK ME!

DR. MARSAK DOESN'T
BELIEVE ON BOBBY DOCTOR

RIGHT, JIM! KATHY SHOULD
BELIEVE IN VAMPIRES, KATHY?
NOT ME!
BUT YOU COULDN'T CONVINCE DETECTIVE ROONEY! THAT WAS A FUNNY TRICK IN THE TRAIL STORY OF THE GRAVE-KEEPER'S DEATH
ROONEY LIVES AT MY BOARDING-HOUSE KATHY

WELL I SUPPOSE BACK TO HIS OWN BELIEF! I'VE GOT TO TAKE KATHY TO MY LAB NOW JIM! YOU CAN HAVE HER LATER

THAT'S A DANGEROUS CHEMICAL!

DR. MARSAK TAKES KATHY'S
DOCTOR WHAT WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I HOPE I DIDN'T FRIGHTEN YOU CHILD! I HAD TO GET THAT BLOOD OUT! THAT CHEMICAL MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU!
YOU DO FRIGHTEN ME BUT THANK YOU

THAT EVENING, DINING AT THE BOARDING-
FOR A MOVIE TONIGHT?
ACCIDENT SHOCK! I'D BETTER GET TO BED EARLY JIM! MAYBE SOME
AND SO KATHY WENT TO BED EARLY,
SHE'D
BOOK, SHE DOESN'T SEE THE STRANGE
AND INTO THE ROOM COMES A CREATURE OF THE PITS! IT LEAPS, CUTTING KATHY'S SCREAM SHORT...
BUT
QUICK, ROONEY! KATHY KATHY
A SEDATIVE, JIM DECIDES TO STAY

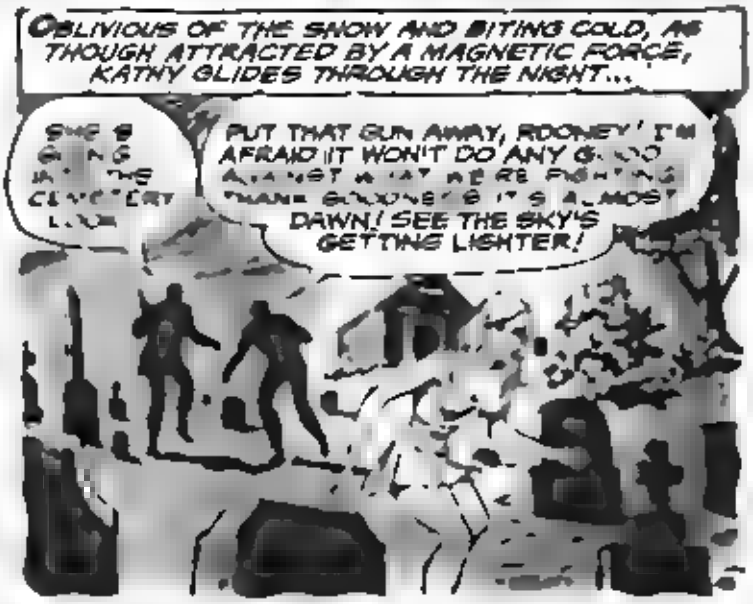
JUST A COINCIDENCE, ROONEY
JUST THE SAME, I'LL BET IT ISN'T ALL FICTION!
VAMPIRE ROUTINE AGAIN! GO ON TO BED! I'LL SIT UP WITH KATHY!

AS JIM KEEPS HIS VIGIL, HE DOZES... JUST A CATNAP!
KATHY... KATHY... YOU WILL DO AS I BID YOU... AND THEN COME TO ME, MY LOVE

IN A TRANCE-LIKE STATE, KATHY DOES AS SHE IS BIDDEN! HER SOFT-WHITE ARMS ENFOLD JIM AND THE NEXT INSTANT, SHARP WHITE TEETH KNIFE HIS NECK.
KATHY

HE PUSHES KATHY AWAY... THEN THE ROOM REVOLVES DIZZILY...
COME COME
HELP! HELP!
WHAT'S GOING ON? JIM

I HEARD THE COMMOTION! WHAT HAPPENED? HEY, WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT GIRL! IT'S SNOWING OUT! SHE MUST BE DELIRIOUS!
YES... YES... BUT ROONEY... LET'S FOLLOW HER! COME ON!


OBLIVIOUS OF THE SNOW AND BITING COLD, AS THOUGH ATTRACTED BY A MAGNETIC FORCE, KATHY GLIDES THROUGH THE NIGHT...
PUT THAT GUN AWAY, ROONEY! I'M AFRAID IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD AGAINST WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING
DAWN! SEE THE SKY'S GETTING LIGHTER!

QUICKLY, JIM WRESTS A STAKE FROM A NEARBY DRIFT FENCE AND ORDERS ROONEY TO DO THE SAME... AS THE DOOR OPENS, AND KATHY VANISHES!!

HURRY, HURRY... ROONEY! GET A STAKE!

I THINK YOU'RE CRAZY, TOO, DOC... SO I'LL DO IT! BUT, KATHY... LOOK SHE'S GOING INSIDE!

AS JIM AND DETECTIVE ROONEY ENTER THE TOMB, A GHASTLY SIGHT SENDS CHILLS OF HORROR UP AND DOWN THEIR SPINES!

DOC... THEY'RE DEAD! GLORY

NO... NOT DEAD YET, ROONEY! NOT YET... BUT THEY'RE GOING

HIS HEART HEAVY, BUT REALIZING WHAT MUST BE DONE, JIM DRIVES THE WOODEN SPIKE INTO MARSAR'S HEART! SUDDENLY, A CHILLING SCREAM ECHOES AND RE-ECHOES THROUGH THE TOMB...

GOOD-BYE, MARSAK, MY FRIEND! NOW MAY YOUR TORMENTED SOUL REST IN PEACE FOREVER!

THAT'S MURDER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY? WHY?

BUT THE SCREAM WHICH STRUCK SUCH TERROR INTO ROONEY'S HEART, WAS NOT TORN FROM THE DEVIL-POSSESSED DR. MARSAR, BUT FROM KATHY'S THROAT.

KATHY... KATHY, DARLING! IT'S A MIRACLE YOU'RE STILL... MY DARLING!

FLESH AND BLOOD

SOME-

IT WAS WHILE I WAS DOING IN KATHY'S ROOM THAT I THOUGHT OF MARSAR'S EXPERIENCE IN THE VILLAGE OF HIS YOUTH... I WAS THINKING OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF A VAMPIRE AND NOT A MULE HAD ATTACKED

DON'T YOU SEE, ROONEY? THE GRAVEYARD KEEPER MUST HAVE DISCOVERED HIS SECRET! MARSAK SLEPT HERE AFTER EACH ATTACK! THEN HE WOULD COME TO THE LABORATORY!

A REAL GENUINE, VAMPIRE! IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS!

HOLD ME... OH

WENT NUTS... AND WHO WAS I TRYING TO KID? BUT YOU BELIEVE ME.. DON'T YOU?

THE END

THROUGH THE CRAWLING JUNGLE BEAT THE DRUMS OF THE LIVING DEAD. ANCIENT RITES ARE PERFORMED BY FETID CORPSES GUIDED BY A....

# THE HEAD FROM HELL

OSCAR FRAGA

AAAAH!! IT'S A SHRUNKEN CANNIBAL HEAD!
MICHAEL CAST THE PUTRID, ONCE HUMAN MASS UPON THE TABLE AND AS HE LOOKED AT IT... IT SEEMED TO PULSATE WITH LIFE...
THE... THE HAIR! IT... IT'S GROWING! AND THE EYES ARE BLINKING! OH, NO! I MUST BE DREAMING!
SLOWLY THE GROTESQUE MOUTH BEGAN TO OPEN AND SIGH, THEN...
MICHAEL STEARNS...COME CLOSER AND LISTEN TO MY STORY...
NO! NO! I MUST BE GOING MAD!
MICHAEL'S HYPNOTIZED MIND WAS FORCED ACROSS THE SEA AND INTO THE TEEMING JUNGLES TO WITNESS THE SATANIC POWERS OF THE PRIESTESS...
MANY MOONS AGO I WAS A PRIESTESS OF THE ORINOCO HEAD-HUNTERS, BUT I WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL-GOD. I HAD POWERS OF EVIL WHICH MADE MY TRIBESMEN FEAR ME!
SHE IS TURNING MY SON INTO A MONSTER!
SERVANT OF THE DEVIL! I WILL KILL YOU!

IT IS DONE! HEHE! NOW I SHALL RULE ALL WITH MY EVIL POWER!
BRING HER TO THE EXECUTION BLOCK!
SEIZE HER!
FOOLS! KILL ME IF YOU THINK I CAN DIE! BUT FIRST I PUT THE CURSE OF LIVING DEATH UPON YOU ALL! YOU SHALL SLEEP WHILE THE FLESH ROTS OFF YOUR BONES! AND YOU SHALL NEVER RISE UNTIL I RETURN AND BID YOU TO DO SO!
THEN SLOWLY MICHAEL'S INCREDULOUS MIND WAS GUIDED BACK TO THE THING OF TERROR WHOSE SINISTER SMILE CONFRONTED HIM.
I NEED A BODY UPON WHICH TO PLACE MYSELF. I KNOW YOU, MICHAEL TO BE GREEDY FOR GOLD, AND I WILL GIVE YOU GREAT WEALTH AND POWER OVER DEATH IN EXCHANGE FOR A FRESHLY DECAPITATED BODY!
YOU... YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO TO
BUT HOW DID YOU GET TO AMERICA?
THEN, MICHAEL, THEY SHRUNK MY HEAD AS WAS THEIR CUSTOM! I WAS DISCOVERED BY AN EXPLORER WHO BROUGHT ME HERE. YOU KNOW THE REST, BUT...

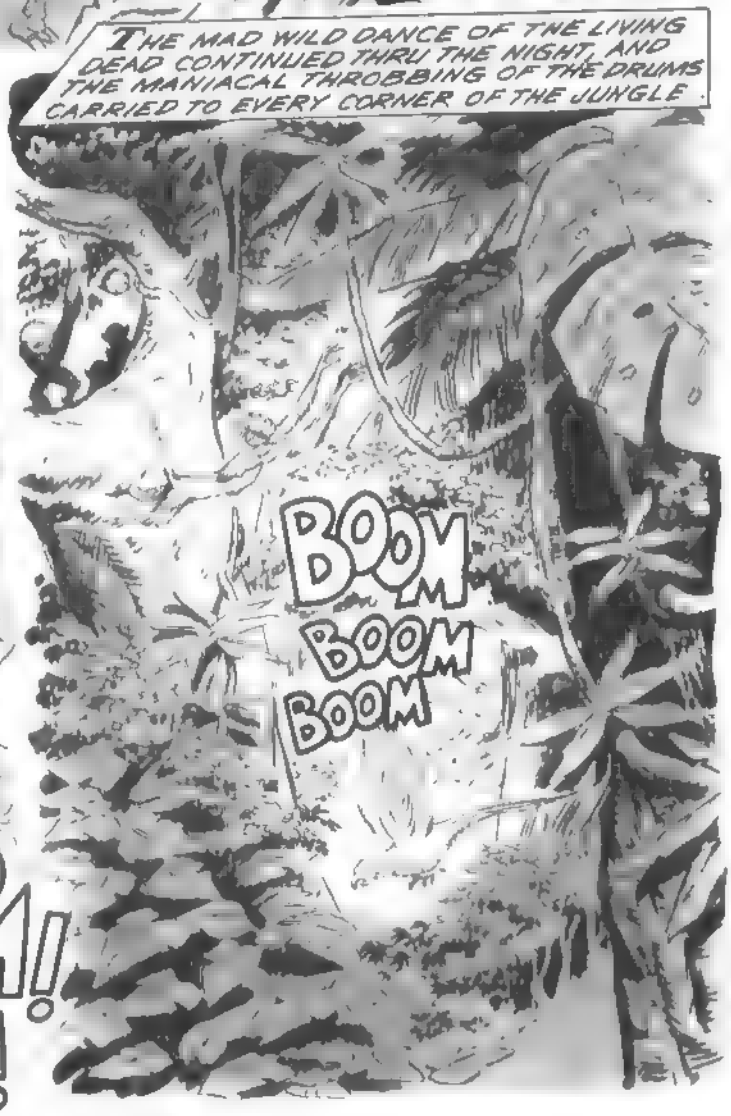
THIS HORRID PROPOSAL FILLED MICHAEL WITH TERROR. TO KILL FOR THIS THING WAS MORE THAN HIS MIND COULD CONTAIN! YET..
YES! I'LL DO IT POWER AND WEALTH WILL BE MINE! WHAT IS ONE LIFE...
WAITING, MICHAEL DISCOVERS HIS VICTIM AND WITH THE STEALTH OF A WEREWOLF HIS GREEDY EYES WATCH HER WALK BEFORE HIM
THE UGLY KNIFE DOES ITS BRUTAL WORK
THAT'S OVER! NOW I MUST GET BACK WITHOUT BEING SEEN...
YOU HAVE DONE WELL! NOW FOLLOW MY DIRECTION. FIRST YOU MUST PLACE MY HEAD ON THE BODY.
AS THE FOUL HEAD WAS PLACED UPON THE LOVELY BODY A STRANGE MOAN WAS HEARD, LIKE A DEMON HOWLING AT THE MOON... THEN...
NOMO OS DIAKETI TIMA!
EXITIR ACA DIMI! YA MIYO TRUGAT!

PUFF
WHEN THE BLINDING LIGHT DIMMED MICHAEL BENELD THE GHASTLY APPARITION WHICH HE MURDEROUSLY HELPED TO CREATE.
WE MUST SAIL FOR MY VILLAGE WHERE I SHALL EXERCISE MY POWERS. YOU SHALL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS, MICHAEL!
AIEEE! I... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO HORRIBLE!
SHE HAS A PRETTY FIGURE...I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER FACE?
SHE'S PROBABLY SOME CELEBRITY AND DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE THE CROWD ANNOY HER!
EVERY TIME THAT VEILED WOMAN PASSES, I GET A COLD CHILL IT'S AS THOUGH SOME INVISIBLE FIEND IS RUBBING AGAINST ME!
SO YOU FEEL IT TOO!
AH! AT LAST THE PORT. I CAN FEEL THE EVIL POWERS SURGING WITHIN ME! SOON REVENGE AND POWER SHALL BE MINE!
MUST MUST I GO WITH YOU?

FAR UP THE UNEXPLORED RIVER, FETID WITH THE VENOMOUS, CRAWLING CREATURES OF THE DANK FORESTS, THE TINY BOAT SLITHERED
THAT POINT UP AHEAD THAT IS WHERE WE LEAVE THE BOAT! OUR JOURNEY IS NEARING IT'S END!
I CAN'T WAIT TO LEAVE THE RIVER!
AAAAIIH! THOSE THINGS! L-LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
DO NOT FEAR THEM. THEY ARE CREATURES OF EVIL AND MY FRIENDS! AS LONG AS YOU ARE WITH ME YOU ARE SAFE! ALONE YOU WOULD PERISH!
MY VILLAGE! AFTER ALL THIS TIME I HAVE RETURNED AS I PROMISED! NOW I SHALL RULE, AND YOU SHALL BE REWARDED!
BUT... BUT IT'S DESERTED! THERE'S NOT A LIVING SOUL ANYWHERE NEAR HERE..
BUT THE VILLAGE WAS NOT DESERTED. CAVERNOUS EYES WATCHED WITHOUT SEEING-SKULLS IN A DEATH-LIKE SLEEP OCCUPIED EVERY HOVEL...
MY CURSE! IT WORKED!
SKELETONS EVERYWHERE! A VILLAGE FULL OF THEM!
NOW TO MAKE THE DEAD RISE/AID ME YOU EVIL SPIRITS AND CREATURES OF THE FOREST.. ARA BIAN! SARTORIS ARTISSY GLUTEUS MALO LEEYIE!

DOSID MAGBAT!

AND THEN ON THAT UNHALLOWED SPOT APPEARED A SIGHT MORE HORRIBLE THAN DEMON HAD EVER DEVISED...
OH! HOW HORRID! I MUST GET AWAY! NO POWER OR WEALTH IS WORTH THIS!
ACCURSED RACE! NOW DO MY BIDDING! DANCE! DANCE THE DANCE OF THE LIVING DEAD!


THE MAD WILD DANCE OF THE LIVING DEAD CONTINUED THRU THE NIGHT, AND THE MANIACAL THROBBING OF THE DRUMS CARRIED TO EVERY CORNER OF THE JUNGLE.
BOOM BOOM BOOM

DANCE, FOOLS! HEHEHEHEHE!
BOOM! BOOM!

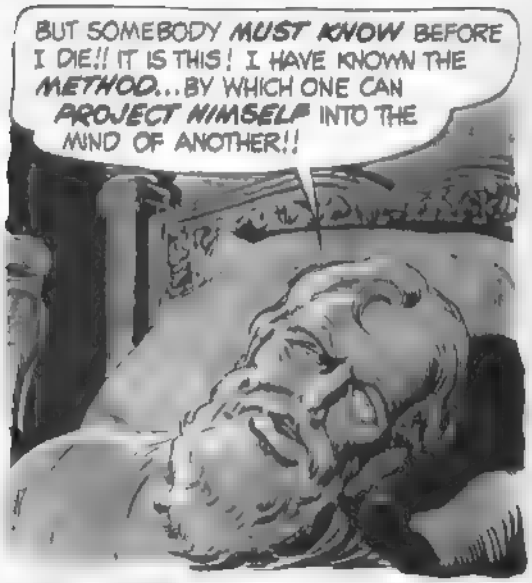
AND REACHED THE EARS OF HORRIFIED NATIVES MILES AWAY...
DRUMS COME FROM VILLAGE OF UNHOLY DEATH! EVIL SPIRITS ARE LOOSE TONIGHT!
WE MUST SACRIFICE TO GODS!
HEHEHE! DANCE AND BOW BEFORE ME, SLAVES! BOW, I SAY! HEHEHE!
I CAN'T STAND THIS.. I...I MUST DO SOMETHING!
THE MADNESS OF THE DANCE SNAPPED THE DELICATE TISSUES OF MICHAEL'S BRAIN AND IN SHEER PANIC
NO! NO! DON'T! I'VE OFFERED YOU RICHES AND POWER! DON'T BE A FOOL!
I CAN'T STAND IT... YOU'RE THE INCARNATION OF EVIL!
I...I'LL KILL HER... THEN MAYBE THE DANCING WILL STOP!
THERE! TAKE THAT
NOOO!! ARRGHH!!

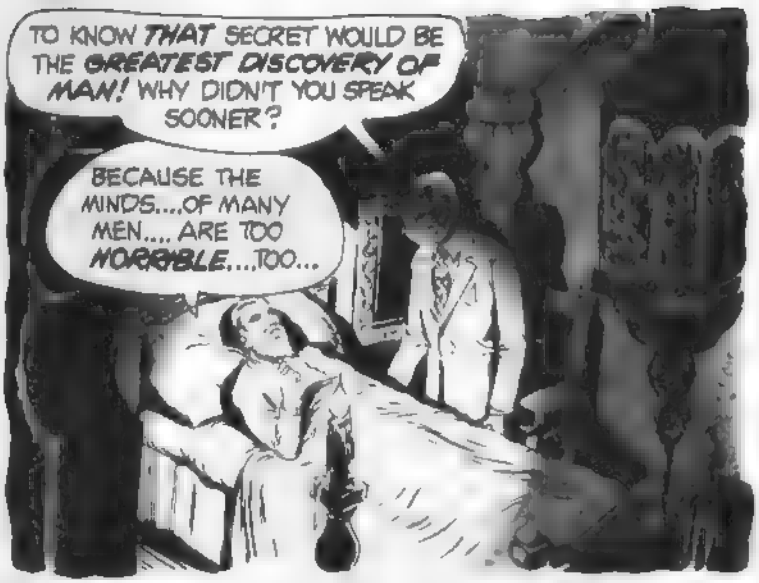
THEY... THEY'RE COMING TO HER DEFENSE / NO! STOP! I'M YOUR FRIEND... SHE WAS EVIL / NO!
AIEEEE! LET ME GO, YOU FOOL!
ARRRGHH!!
TIME, WHICH PICKS BONES CLEAN CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM A FAINT SMILE SEEMS TO PLAY ABOUT THE MOUTH OF THE SHRUNKEN HEAD WHICH LIES NEAR THE ROTTING CORPSE..
THE EVIL VILLAGE RESTS IN DORMANT SILENCE
AND THE DAYS PASSED AS THE MURKY DEPTHS OF THE JUNGLE CONCEAL THE HIDEOUS SCENE... UNTIL.
SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE SUGALI TRIBES! THIS PROMISES TO BE INTERESTING!
LOOK, SMITH, A VILLAGE!

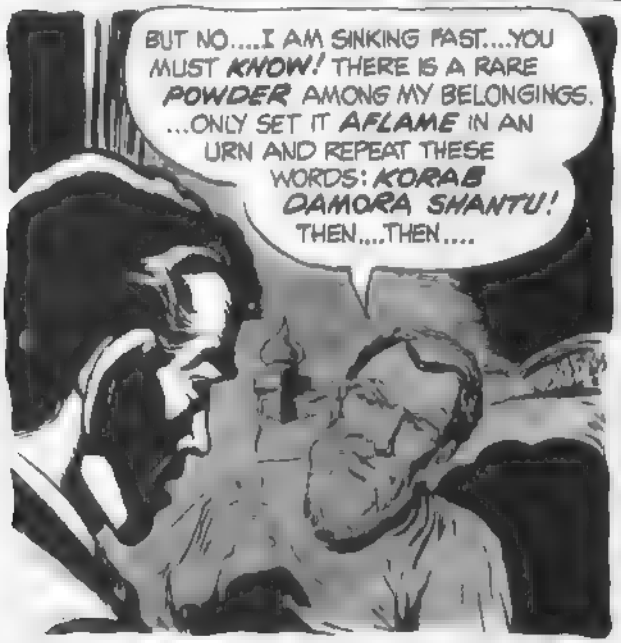
THEN, AS IF PLANNED, THE EVIL SKULL WAS FOUND!
LOOK! A SHRUNKEN HEAD! THESE ARE VALUABLE! WHAT LUCK!
COULD HAVE BEEN A PLAGUE... SO MANY OF THEM!
EASY TO SEE IT WASN'T WAR! THEY'VE ALL GOT THEIR HEADS!
WE OUGHT TO FIND SOMETHING OF VALUE HERE, ANYWAY!
AGAIN THE SHRUNKEN SKULL OF THE PRIESTESS OF THE DEVIL RETURNS TO SEEK NEW PREY FOR HER WARPED LOVE OF POWER AND VENGEANCE!
WELL, SMITH- HOME AGAIN! AND WE DO HAVE GOOD CURIOS TO MARKET, DON'T WE?!
YES- BUT YOU KNOW, EVER SINCE WE PICKED UP THAT HEAD IN THE DESERTED VILLAGE I'VE FELT UNEASY! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE'RE RID OF IT!
FIFTEEN DOLLARS ONCE! FIFTEEN DOLLARS TWICE! SOLD! I'M SURE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED SIR!
AND ANOTHER UNSUSPECTING VICTIM OF THE SPIRITS OF EVIL IS TEMPTED BY FATE TOWARD POWER AND OCCULT KNOWLEDGE...
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT I BOUGHT...
THE END

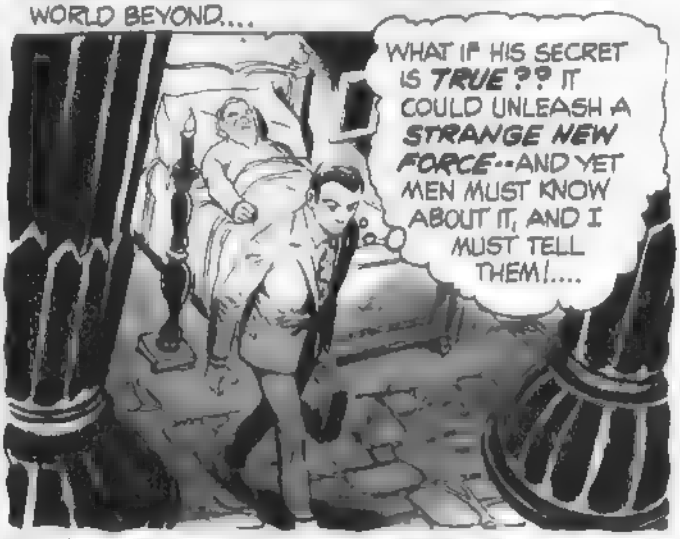
TO PENETRATE THE SECRET FORTRESS OF THE HUMAN BRAIN IS TO HURTLE INTO A BLACK AND BOTTOMLESS PIT OF ***EVIL*** AND ***HORROR!!*** SO DR. HARKNESS LEARNED....

# PIT OF MONSTERS

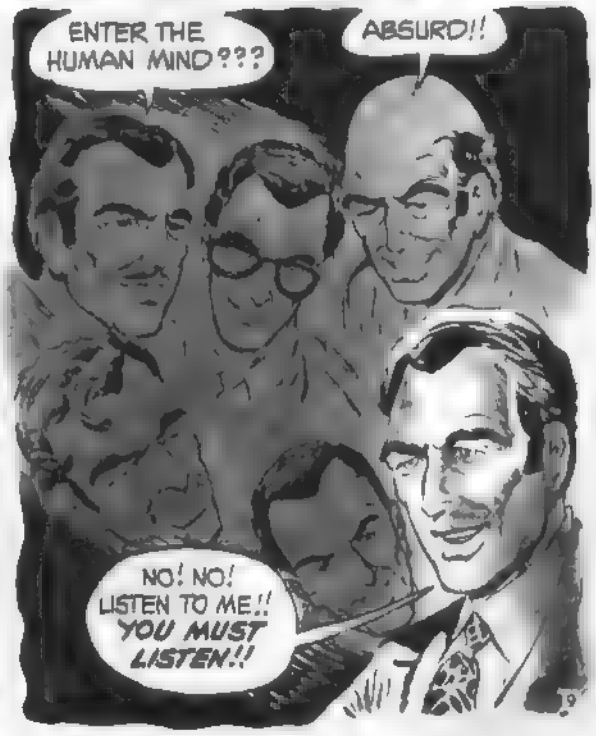

BUT SOMEBODY MUST KNOW BEFORE I DIE!! IT IS THIS! I HAVE KNOWN THE METHOD...BY WHICH ONE CAN PROJECT HIMSELF INTO THE MIND OF ANOTHER!!


TO KNOW THAT SECRET WOULD BE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF MAN! WHY DIDN'T YOU SPEAK SOONER?
BECAUSE THE MINDS....OF MANY MEN.... ARE TOO HORRIBLE....TOO...

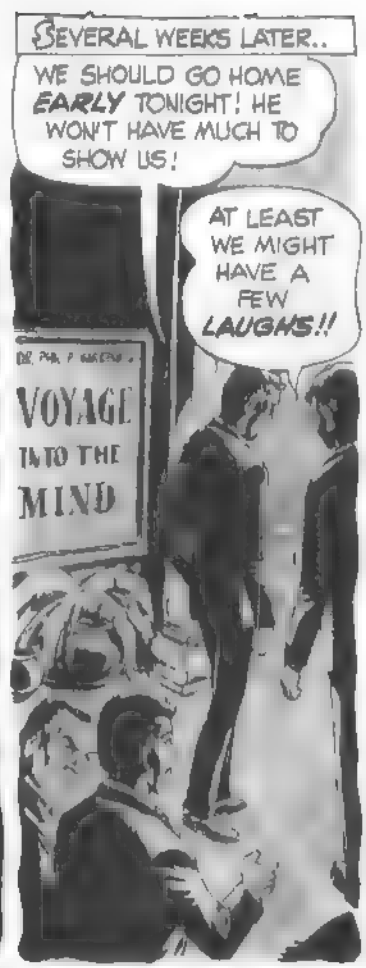

BUT NO....I AM SINKING FAST....YOU MUST KNOW! THERE IS A RARE POWDER AMONG MY BELONGINGS. ...ONLY SET IT AFLAME IN AN URN AND REPEAT THESE WORDS: KORAB DAMORA SHANTU! THEN....THEN....


SUDDENLY THE VOICE OF RANJAB AL MARI GROWS DIMMER....THE HANDS GROW COLD...AND THE FAMED MAGICIAN JOINS HIS ANCESTORS IN THE WORLD BEYOND....
WHAT IF HIS SECRET IS TRUE?? IT COULD UNLEASH A STRANGE NEW FORCE--AND YET MEN MUST KNOW ABOUT IT, AND I MUST TELL THEM!....

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, DOCTOR HARKNESS, GRIMLY DETERMINED TO PRESENT RANJAB'S SECRET BEFORE THE WORLD, APPEARS BEFORE A PANEL OF SCIENTISTS.
...BUT, GENTLEMEN, I HAVE THE FIRMEST FAITH IN RANJAB'S REVELATION!
NONSENSE, DOCTOR HARKNESS, YOU HAVE BEEN DUPED BY A MAGICIAN...


ENTER THE HUMAN MIND???
ABSURD!!
NO! NO! LISTEN TO ME!! YOU MUST LISTEN!!

I ASK ONLY THIS, DR. PENDLETON: LET ME GIVE A DEMONSTRATION OF RANJAB'S THEORY!
VERY WELL, HARKNESS, BUT THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY CHANCE!


SEVERAL WEEKS LATER..
WE SHOULD GO HOME EARLY TONIGHT! HE WON'T HAVE MUCH TO SHOW US!
AT LEAST WE MIGHT HAVE A FEW LAUGHS!!
VOYAGE INTO THE MIND

...MY FIRST REQUEST, GENTLEMEN, IS FOR A SUBJECT! WOULD ANYONE CARE TO VOLUNTEER???

IF THE GENTLEMAN IN THE BLUE SUIT WILL STEP TO THE PLATFORM, I SHOULD BE GLAD TO BEGIN MY DEMONSTRATION!
...IF YOU WISH, DOCTOR!

I AM READY TO START...ARE YOU COMFORTABLE, SIR??
YES, YES, PERFECTLY!

SUDDENLY A GRIM SILENCE FALLS OVER THE AUDIENCE AS THE STRANGE EXPERIMENT BEGINS...
I SHALL NOW DROP THIS MATCH INTO THE URN WHICH CONTAINS THE POWDER OF RANJAB AL MARI!

KORAB DAMORA SHANTU!!

THE SECRET WORDS UTTERED, DOCTOR HARKNESS FEELS HIMSELF HURLED OUT OF TIME AND SPACE INTO A NEW AND FORBIDDEN WORLD OF THE HUMAN MIND!
YAAAH-H-H-H!!!

WH---I HAVE BEEN PROJECTED INTO HIS MIND....HOW STRANGE IT IS! LIKE A LONG AND ENDLESS PATHWAY!!

SUDDENLY AN OVERWHELMING HORROR ALMOST CRUSHES THE DOCTOR'S SANITY AS APPALLING AND LOATHESOME MONSTERS APPEAR!!
GOOD LORD!!... WHAT ARE THEY??
SEE! SEE FRIENDS!! STILL ANOTHER VICTIM!!

WE MUST DESTROY HIM BEFORE HE ESCAPES!!
LET ME AT HIM!! I SHALL KILL HIM IN A MOMENT!!

WITH THE WILD FRENZY OF TERROR, HARKNESS FLEES FROM THE BLOOD-THIRSTY DEMONS OF THE MIND....
THIS MAN'S MIND MUST BE..... DEPRAVED!!
KILL! KILL! KILL!!

WITH A NUMBING DREAD STILL LURKING IN THE ROOM LIKE A GHASTLY SPIRIT, DOCTOR HARKNESS TURNS TO ADDRESS HIS AUDIENCE FOR THE LAST TIME...

# A Shock of Horror

BUT THEN I STARTED VISITING MY BUSINESS CLUB, AND IT SOON BECAME MY SECOND HOME...
SET 'EM UP AGAIN, HARRY.
GIVE US ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR WONDERFUL STORIES JASON!
AND HOME BECAME A PLACE WHERE I SLEPT, AND ELVIRA JUST THE WOMAN WHO PREPARED MY MEALS.
DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME, ELVIRA I'M PLAYING POKER AND I'M TEN DOLLARS AHEAD!
THEN IT HAPPENED! ONE RAINY DAY... I MET CINDY DRUE!
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND SHARING YOUR TAXI. I NEVER USE MY OWN CAR WHEN IT RAINS.
NOT AT ALL!
YOU'RE A MODEL? I THOUGHT THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE WAS FAMILIAR!
YOU'RE QUITE OBSERVING AND COMPLIMENTARY AS WELL!
WE SOON GOT BETTER ACQUAINTED...
MR WILTON, I SCARCELY KNOW YOU BUT I NEVER FELT SO MUCH AT EASE WITH ANY MAN.
THE SAME GOES FOR ME, AND I PREFER FIRST NAMES - CINDY! MINE IS JASON.
AND A SHORT TIME LATER, SHE HAD ME GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES... IN CIRCLE OF LOVE!
JASON, HONEY - TONIGHT YOU ARE GOING HOME EARLY... I HAVE A MODELING APPOINTMENT EIGHT O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING!
I'LL GO, BUT NOT WILLINGLY.

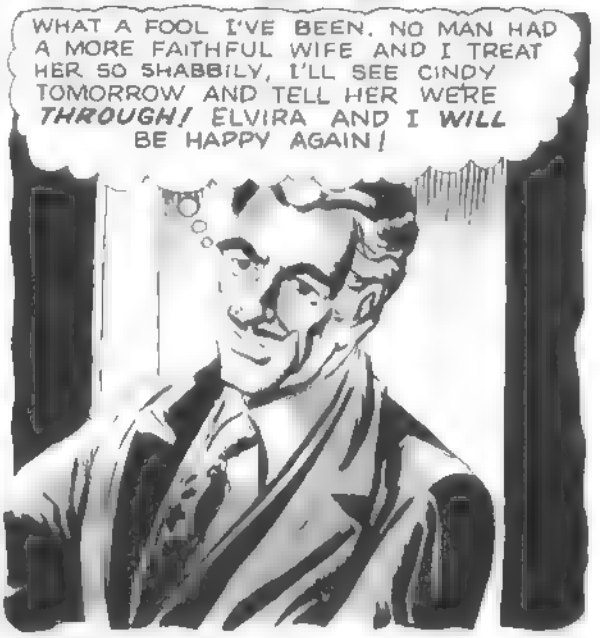
NO. I COULDN'T GET ENOUGH OF HER!
I SAID TONIGHT YOU ARE STAYING HOME!
ELVIRA, GIVE ME THAT COAT. YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME WHAT TO DO!

THEN I'M GOING WITH YOU!
NEVER MIND THE GRACIOUS GESTURE. IT'S TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE... ANYWAY, TONIGHT I'VE GOT TO WORK!

YES, I WENT TO "WORK"...
JASON, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS! I'LL QUIT MY JOB, WE'LL GO AWAY, TOGETHER!
KISS ME AGAIN, CINDY!

PASSION SHORTENS THE HOURS AND IT WAS LATE WHEN I GOT HOME, I TIP TOED IN QUIETLY. THERE WERE LESS ARGUMENTS THAT WAY.
AWFULLY QUIET. I HOPE SHE'S SOUND ASLEEP.

I NEVER HATED ELVIRA, I WAS MERELY BORED WITH HER. SO WHEN I SAW HER FACE - IN THE MOONLIGHT... AND IT SEEMED SO SAD... I FELT LOW, AND MISERABLE... AND CHEAP!
ELVIRA... ELVIRA...


WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN. NO MAN HAD A MORE FAITHFUL WIFE AND I TREAT HER SO SHABBILY, I'LL SEE CINDY TOMORROW AND TELL HER WE'RE THROUGH! ELVIRA AND I WILL BE HAPPY AGAIN!

I EXPECTED A LONG AND HECTIC EVENING WITH CINDY, SO I MADE AN EXCUSE TO ELVIRA, JUST IN CASE...
OF COURSE DEAR, FINISH YOUR WORK AND THEN RELAX AT THE CLUB AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.
I'LL TRY NOT TO BE TOO LATE DARLING!
IT WAS JUST AS I EXPECTED...
CINDY, I'M NOT SEEING YOU AFTER TONIGHT!
WHAT?
IT WAS JUST AS I EXPECTED...
DON'T JOKE WITH ME!
IT'S NO JOKE. I'VE KEPT SOMETHING FROM YOU. I'M MARRIED! I'VE JUST REALIZED WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN AND I'M GOING BACK TO MY WIFE!
JUST LIKE THAT, EH? ALL RIGHT... I'LL PLAY ALONG WITH YOU... FOR A SLIGHT TOKEN OF AFFECTION ... SOMETHING TO FORGET YOU... SAY $5,000?
$5,000? ARE YOU MAD? WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
JUST WHAT YOU TOOK ME FOR... A SUCKER! IF I DON'T GET THAT FIVE GRAND I'LL TELL YOUR WIFE WHAT A "LOVING" HUSBAND YOU'VE BEEN!
IT WAS RAW BLACKMAIL! SHE SNEERED AT ME. I PLEADED WITH HER. SHE LAUGHED IN MY FACE. THEN MY HANDS ... I COULDN'T STOP THEM... MY HANDS THEY...
YOU'RE CHOKING ME... JASON! AAGH...

SHE WAS DEAD... I WAS FRANTIC WITH FEAR. I COVERED HER BODY WITH A BLANKET... THE FIRE ESCAPE LED TO AN ALLEY...
THANK GOODNESS NO ONE SAW ME...
I TOOK HER INTO THE CAR...
THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE RIVER! THAT'S WHERE I'LL TAKE HER!
I WRAPPED HER IN HEAVY TIRE CHAINS SO SHE'D SINK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER, AND MY SECRET WOULD STAY THERE WITH HER!
POOR ELVIRA PROBABLY WONDERING WHEN I'LL BE HOME. I'M NOT WORTHY OF HER TRUST... BUT I'LL MAKE IT UP TO HER! I'LL GIVE HER THE UNDERSTANDING SHE DESERVES. I SWEAR IT!

I DROVE THE CAR INTO THE CARPORT BESIDE OUR HOME I OPENED THE DOOR SLIGHTLY, THERE WAS ELVIRA WITH A STRANGER BENDING OVER HER. AT FIRST I THOUGHT SHE HAD BEEN HURT...
BUT THEN I KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED...
LET'S RUN AWAY ELVIRA DARLING!
YES, YES... WHENEVER YOU SAY... NOW!
THE END

# Superstitions

# EVIL ODDITIES

THE BAYOU COUNTRY OF LOUISIANA HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO SOME OF THE STRANGEST CUSTOMS OF MAN. WEIRD AND HORRIBLE BELIEFS STILL HAVE A HOLD ON MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARDI GRAS STATE...

TO STOP A CRAMP, MANY TIE AN EEL WITH NINE KNOTS AROUND THEIR LEGS.

BELIEF IN VOODOO IS STRONG A CONJURER WOULD TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VICTIM, BURY IT FACE DOWN AND BURN A BLACK CANDLE. AS THE PICTURE FADED, THE VICTIM WOULD DIE A HORRIBLE DEATH.

IN SOME COMMUNITIES, IT IS THE CUSTOM FOR HOLD FAMILIES TO RUSH TO THE HOME OF AN ILL PERSON WHETHER THE DISEASE IS CONTAGIOUS OR NOT.

IT WAS THE BELIEF THAT WHEN A DEATH OCCURED, ALL THE CATS OF THE WORLD WOULD TRY TO GET AT THE CORPSE. TO PREVENT THIS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WOULD KEEP CONSTANT GUARD OVER THE BODY UNTIL IT WAS BURIED.